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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20554**

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**OCT 31 2006**

Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

In the Matter of )  
Section 63.71 Application of )  
Comcast Phone of Maryland, Inc. )  
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for Authority Pursuant to )  
Section 214 of the Communications )  
Act to Discontinue the Provision )  
of Residential Facilities-Based and Resold )  
Telecommunications Services in )  
Laurel, Maryland )

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**SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION**

Comcast Phone of Maryland, Inc., dba Comcast Digital Phone, ("Comcast Digital Phone"), hereby seeks authorization pursuant to Section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214(a), and Section 63.71 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue its provision of interstate telecommunications services to residential customers it presently serves in Laurel, Maryland. The discontinuance would affect twenty-four residential customers of Comcast Digital Phone service located in one multiple dwelling unit ("MDU"). Comcast customers located elsewhere in Maryland will not be affected. In support of this Application, Comcast Digital Phone provides the following information:

**I. Information Required by 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(1) – (a)(4)**

**1. Name and Address of Carrier**

Comcast Phone of Maryland, Inc.  
1500 Market Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19102

**2. Date of Planned Service Discontinuance**

Comcast Digital Phone plans to discontinue its provision of interstate telecommunications service to the residential customers in Laurel, Maryland at the location identified below on or about December 7, 2006, but no earlier than 31 days after the Commission releases public notice of this filing.

**3. Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected**

Comcast Digital Phone currently provides interstate and intrastate residential telecommunications service in various portions of Maryland. The proposed discontinuance would affect twenty-four residential customers of Comcast Digital Phone service located in one multiple dwelling unit ("MDU") in Laurel. The MDU is located at 801 8th Street, Laurel, 20707. Comcast Digital Phone does not seek authority to discontinue providing services to residential customers elsewhere in Maryland. Comcast Digital Phone is following the appropriate state law for discontinuance of the applicable intrastate telecommunications services. Comcast Digital Phone will assist affected customers during their transition to new carriers.

**4. Description of Type of Service Affected**

The services that Comcast Digital Phone seeks authority to discontinue pursuant to this application are local exchange, interexchange, and international telephone services.

**II. Notice to Customers**

In accordance with 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a), Comcast Digital Phone has notified all affected customers of the planned discontinuance of service. Specifically, Comcast Digital Phone sent a letter via first class U.S. Mail to each of the affected customers on or about November 1, 2006, which included all the information required by 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(1) – (a)(4), as well as the

statement applicable to non-dominant carriers set forth in 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(5)(i). A sample copy of the notification letter is provided as Attachment 1.

**III. Notice to States and the Dept. of Defense**

In accordance with 47 C.F.R. 63.71(a), Comcast Digital Phone has mailed a copy of this Application to the Governor of Maryland, the Maryland Public Service Commission, and the Secretary of Defense.

**IV. Non-Dominant Status**

Comcast Digital Phone is a non-dominant carrier in the local exchange, interstate, and interexchange services markets.

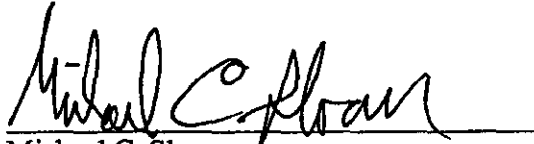
**V. Designated Contacts**

Correspondence concerning this Application should be directed to:

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WHEREFORE, Comcast Digital Phone respectfully requests that the Commission authorize it to discontinue the provision of interstate interexchange and international voice and data services as described herein on or about December 7, 2006, but no earlier than 31 days after the Commission releases public notice of this filing.

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Dated: October 31, 2006

**Attachment 1**  
**Sample Customer Notification Letter**



## IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

October 31, 2006

Dear Valued Customer:

Due to low subscribership in your area for our regulated phone service, we will be **discontinuing** the provision of Comcast Digital Phone service at your complex **thirty (30) days after the date of this letter, subject to governmental approval.**

**Your action is required! You must subscribe to an another telephone service prior to the end of thirty-day period referenced above, or you will not have access to local, toll or long distance telephone services currently available with Comcast Digital Phone.**

In your area, Comcast also provides an alternative service called Comcast Digital *Voice*. If you prefer to use another provider, Comcast will cooperate with you through the date of discontinuance to transition your local telephone service to the carrier of your choice and will assist you in transitioning your existing local telephone number(s) where permitted. To subscribe to Comcast Digital Voice, please call 301-499-1485. Otherwise, please consult your local telephone directory or contact Verizon for a list of other possible providers. Should you need Comcast's assistance, please contact our Customer Care Department at 1-888-COMCAST.

The FCC will normally authorize the proposed discontinuance of service unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments within 15 days after receipt of this notification, addressed to the Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554, referencing the §63.71 Application of Comcast Phone of Maryland, Inc. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance upon you, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

Sincerely,

Comcast Digital Phone